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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PHILIP S. GREEN

Application No.: 08/709,965

Filed: September 9, 1996

For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR
USE (AS AMENDED)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1997, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26-38 and 40-46, and please add claims 47-57, as follows. All claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1. ~~26~~ (Amended) An endoscopic surgical instrument comprising a control section and an insertion section wherein:
- the insertion section is insertable [adapted to be inserted] into a patient through a small incision to a location adjacent a worksite in the patient;
- the insertion section comprises a rigid forearm link, a wrist link and an end effector wherein:

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